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### Exhibit list:

- A DOL WHD FMLA right to sue, 15 Apr 15
- B DOL WHD FLSA right to sue, 6 January 2015
- C Postmaster General/Judicial Officer/ NEEOISO Manager Caldwell criminal action and EEO spin-off complaints file civil action, 25 Apr 13
- D Grievances not processed by the Union, May Oct 13
- E Union Officer salaries, \$140,000 per year, June 1 HVAC Grievance July 2010
- F MM Jim Norris, Enforced Leave 30 May 13 and denial of FMLA
- G HR Manager Alexis Delgado, Enforced Leave 11 Feb 14, denial of pay Oct 13
- H FMLA 110000403542, bad back, 19 Jun 12
- I FMLA 110000402232, color blind, 20 Feb 13
- J FMLA 110000501305, on-the-job stress, 30 July 13

### U.S. Department of Labor

### WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

300 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1130 Seattle, WA 98104-2397 Phone: (206) 398-8039 Fax: (206) 224-4111



April 15, 2013

Lance McDermott 1819 So 104th ST Seattle, WA 98168

Subject: U.S Postal Service PMA

Dear Mr. McDermott:

You recently contacted the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) with a complaint that the abovenamed employer discriminated against you under the Family & Medical Leave Act. The FMLA requires covered employers to comply with all provisions of the Act. After careful consideration of the information you provided, the WHD is declining to pursue your claim, because of WHD's enforcement priorities and resource limitations.

The Wage and Hour Division administers and enforces a significant number of essential federal labor laws including those that guarantee workers' rights to a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay; and family and medical leave. The WHD receives more than 30,000 complaints each year and its resources do not permit it to investigate all of the complaints it receives. As a result the WHD must decline to investigate certain complaints and advise complainants of other resources that may be available to them to resolve their claims.

Your complaint is important, but the WHD has determined that it will not investigate your complaint and will take no further action on your behalf. The fact that the WHD will take no further action on your behalf does not affect your legal right to bring a private action in court against your employer under the FMLA to recover obtaining reinstatement and/or recovery of lost wages, employment benefits, and monetary losses under FMLA. The Department does not encourage or discourage such private actions. The decision is entirely up to you.

If you wish to pursue a private action and would like assistance locating an attorney who may be interested in your case, you may call this toll-free number to locate an American Bar Association (ABA)-approved attorney referral provider in your area: 1-866-766-6550. If you decide to contact an ABA-approved attorney referral provider, please tell the provider that you obtained their contact information using the toll-free number provided by the WHD in this letter. Please note that WHD is providing this toll-free number as a service to those complainants seeking further assistance.



The WHD does not guarantee the accuracy of the information provided through this toll-free number or by any ABA-approved attorney referral provider, nor does the WHD guarantee that an attorney will accept your case. In addition, WHD is not endorsing the services of any attorney to whom you may be referred, or guaranteeing the results of any services that attorney may provide. Providing the toll-free number creates no liability on the part of the government.

Please keep in mind that obtaining reinstatement and/or recovery of lost wages, employment benefits, and monetary losses under FMLA is subject to a two-year statute of limitations, unless the employer's actions are willful, which extends the statute of limitations an additional year. Generally, this means that back wages or other remedies for violations that occurred more than two years before a lawsuit is filed may not be recoverable.

Please feel free to contact this office at 206-398-8039 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely

Donna Hart
District Director

Enclosure: FLSA HRG



U.S. Department of Labor

WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

300 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1130 Seattle, WA 98104-2397 Phone: (206) 398-8039 Fax: (206) 224-4111



January 6, 2015

Lance McDemott 1819 So 104th St. Seattle, WA 98168

Subject: U.S. Postal Service

Dear Mr. McDemott:

You recently contacted the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the federal Department of Labor indicating that the above-named employer under the FLSA. The FLSA requires covered employers to comply with all provisions of the Act. After careful consideration of the information you provided, the WHD is declining to pursue your claim, because WHD does not enforce FLSA for Postal Workers, please contact your personnel office.

The Wage and Hour Division administers and enforces a significant number of essential federal labor laws including those that guarantee workers' rights to a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay; and family and medical leave. The WHD receives more than 30,000 complaints each year and its resources do not permit it to investigate all of the complaints it receives. As a result the WHD must decline to investigate certain complaints and advise complainants of other resources that may be available to them to resolve their claims.

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Please keep in mind that recovery of unpaid back wages under the FLSA is subject to a two-year statute of limitations unless the employer's actions are willful, which extends the statute of limitations an additional year. Generally, this means that back wages or other remedies for violations that occurred more than two years before a lawsuit is filed may not be recoverable.

Please feel free to contact this office at 206-389-8039 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely

Juan Huynh

Acting District Director

Enclosure: FLSA HRG

NATIONAL EEO
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES OFFICE





April 25, 2013

Mr. Lance McDermott 1819 South 104<sup>th</sup> Street Seattle, WA 98168-1647

Dear Mr. McDermott:

The Office of the Postmaster General has asked me to respond to your misguided April 6, 2013, filing with the Postal Service's Judicial Officer. Despite your mistaken belief, the Judicial Officer does not have regulatory jurisdiction to hear or review matters related to EEO complaint processing. Your submission contains a significant amount of misinformation; references case law, regulations, and arbitration awards which are clearly not relevant to proceedings in the federal-sector EEO complaint process; and draws unwarranted conclusions concerning the processing of your EEO complaints.

With respect to the processing of your EEO complaints, Case Number 1E-985-0004-12, which contained 21 allegations of discrimination, was fully investigated and was the subject of a final agency decision dated February 12, 2013. You disagreed with the conclusions drawn in that decision and filed EEOC Appeal Number 0120131641, which is currently pending before the Office of Federal Operations of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Case Number 1E-985-0006-13, containing eleven allegations of discrimination, was recently accepted on March 25, 2013. A single allegation involving dissatisfaction with the manner in which a previous complaint was processed was properly dismissed as a separate allegation in accordance with the EEOC's regulations and case precedent concerning spin-off complaints. See 29 C.F.R. 1614.107(a)(8) and EEOC Management Directive 110, Chapter 5, Part IV.D. Consequently, your previous complaints have been processed in strict accordance with the EEOC's regulations.

Your submission to the Judicial Officer makes the spurious claim that the National EEO Investigative Services Office (NEEOISO) does not have the authority to process EEO complaints. You dubiously contend that NEEOISO does not have "territorial jurisdiction" to investigate complaints arising in Seattle and that only the Office of the Inspector General can investigate EEO complaints. EEO complaints are processed by the affected federal agency in accordance with EEOC regulations which provide, in pertinent part, that each agency shall, "(2) Provide for the prompt, fair, and impartial processing of complaints in accordance with this part and the instructions contained in the Commission's Management Directive." See 29 C.F.R. 1614.102(a)(2). The regulations also provide that the agency's EEO Director shall, "(4) Provide for counseling of aggrieved individuals and for the receipt and processing of individual and class complaints of discrimination; and (5) Assure that individual complaints are fairly and thoroughly investigated and that action is taken in a timely manner in accordance with this part." See 29 C.F.R. 1614.102(b)(4) and (5). In short, agencies are required to establish and maintain complaint processing functions which, in the Postal Service's case, is managed by its National EEO Investigative Services Office which has been in operation for more than eight years. In fact, agencies have investigated their own EEO complaints for decades in compliance with various versions of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regulations.

P.O. BOX 21979 TAMPA, FL 33622-1979

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You also question the manner in which investigations are conducted under the auspices of NEEOISO. In particular, you question the use of contractors to conduct investigations, the lack of face-to-face investigations, and the number of affidavit questions posed to you by a contract investigator. It may surprise you to know that most agencies use contractors to perform EEO investigations and there has never been a question concerning their ability to do so. Moreover, the Postal Service has not conducted face-to-face EEO investigations for nearly twenty years and this practice has never been questioned as inappropriate. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure concerning limits on discovery do not apply in the federal-sector EEO complaint process and the number of questions posed by Investigators are directly related to the number of allegations raised by complainants and the bases of discrimination alleged. For example, if a complainant, such as yourself, raises 21 allegations of discrimination in his complaint, he should not be surprised that the Investigator has to present numerous questions for his response in order thoroughly to investigate the claims. Finally, you contend that a contractor does not have the authority to have a federal employee swear to a statement in an affidavit. The fact is that it is the affiant who declares under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the affidavit are true by signing the document.

You claim that the agency has mischaracterized the allegations raised in your complaints. This is hard to accept given the assiduous identification of 21 separate allegations in one complaint and eleven in another. You appear to believe, incorrectly, that claims raised in previous complaints which have been the subjects of final action have some cumulative effect in or can be reasserted in future complaints. This is not the case. You also appear to believe that you can mix "criminal actions", "class action status", and even the unrelated claim of another employee in with your claims. This is also not the case. EEOC regulations do not provide for the consideration of criminal matters, provide for appeal rights following agency final actions on complaints, and include a separate procedure for processing allegations of class-wide discrimination. Moreover, you have misinterpreted a decision by the Office of Federal Operations on a procedural dismissal (EEOC Appeal Number 0120083506, November 10, 2008) as a decision on the merits of your complaint which supposedly has res judicata effect in future complaints. This is clearly erroneous in that the decision simply indicated that the agency was incorrect in dismissing your complaint because the dismissal relied on the legitimate, non-discriminatory reason for taking the action (which involves the merits of the complaint) to conclude that the complaint failed to state a claim. Following the remand, you chose to file a civil action in United States District Court on this claim.

This response will not address the merits of either of your pending complaints inasmuch as one is pending on appeal before the EEOC and the other is currently under investigation. I would encourage you to cooperate with the investigator when he or she approaches you for an affidavit.

Sincerely,

William R. Caldwell Executive Manager

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### American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO

STEP 2 GRIEVANCE APPEAL FORM

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FACTS/CONTENTIONS OF THE GRIEVANT

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Background:

As the Union Steward I was notified on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 after returning from vacation by the employee in a phone call what had happened. Article 15 states once it comes to the attention of the union, the steward has 14 days to initiate a step 1 grievance. Lance was given 30 days of enforced annual leave by Lead Manager Jim Norris which ended 29 June, 2013. Employee was not given specific instructions that he was not to return to work following this enforced annual leave. Any logical person would assume they serve the 30 days and return to work once it ended. This did not happen; Lance worked 8 hours June 30th, 2013 and when Lance came in on July 1st, 2013 he worked for 5 hours until the Supervisor came in and did not know what was going on and called the Kent police who came and after conversation asked if he wanted them to remove Lance from the building. The answer "no" was given and after the police left Lance said, the Postal Inspectors were called and he was searched as well as his locker and car.

Lance was paid with annual; however his PF form(s) 1260 were not inputted by the Supervisor as hours worked and 16 hours of annual leave was taken from Lance McDermott. If inputted right this would not be an issue. Employee did not do a PS Form 3971 asking for leave, he did a PS Form 1260 in lieu of time card which was not in the rack. Employee did not know it was removed by management since he is an active employee on the payroll. Elms 436(Back Pay) states during a period which unjustified or unwarranted work was performed is considered as having provided a service for the period in question and the employee is entitled to be paid hours worked. Management cannot falsify a document putting sick leave in, when employee's PS Form 1260 shows otherwise. Lance was put on "enforced leave" which the agency has no policy on and cannot be used in conjunction with discipline. Criteria has to be met for "enforced leave" to be administered. This is in-material when employee was given 30 days of annual "enforced leave" and it was presumed he would serve this and return to work upon its completion. This is what the employee did for no further instructions were given at the time of this leave status.



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Publication 552, Manager's Guide to Understanding, Investigating and Preventing Harassment on page 10 states" *Quid pro quo harassment* is the use of power and authority to alter an employee's job conditions or economic benefits because the employee or applicant either submits to or refuses to submit to the unwelcome demands of the person in authority.

List of attached papers as identified

All pertinent documentation will be provided at the Step 2 meeting.

CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTED

Correct the tacs system to reflect these hours worked and reimburse employee 13 hours of annual leave nd pay him the difference of July 1, 2013 of \$104.00 since he was sent home.

LESTER CORNETTE, APWU, GSAL

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Management's Response: Step 1 Denied on August 16, 20/3

L'ester Cornette Union Steward

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PS Form 2608, August 1986

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Lance McDermott was out on enforced leave and came into the PMA on Sunday June 30th & July 1st he had no authorization to be at the PMA. at 05:45 on July 1st Supervisor Ken Dow came to work and saw Lance McDermotts car in the parking lot, Ken Dow went into the building from the front door and observed Lance McDermott crouched behind over the road containers looking at the north employee entrance where Supervisor Ken Dow enteres on a daily looking through the holes in the OTR container and watching the north entrance Ken Dow observed Mr. McDermott do this action called Jim Norris Lead Manager and informed him that he was calling 911 because of the actions Mr. McDermott was displaying The police arrived and talked to Mr. McDermott who was still locaetd behind the OTR's (he as soon as the police left Mr. McDermott refused to leave the building he refused a direct order to leave the building he was told that failure to follow his Supervisors direct order could result in him being removed from the Postal Service and McDermott was removed from the building by the Inspectors...

# 12. At the step 1 meeting with Lester Cornette, Ken Dow told The Steward that the grievance was untimely. Ken Dow asked for a copy of the letter that Mr. McDermott said He had, Mr., McDermott said that David Hoff gaving him permission to return to work on June 30th, no letter was provided to Mr Dow.

Supervisor Dow showed copies of the 3971 were Lance McDermott had called in for leave from 6/2/2013 to 7/3/2013 for 160 hours which included June 30th & July 1st dates.

The Steward at step 1 provided no documents or justification to support Mr. McDermott coming to work.

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Lance McDermott was marked deems desirable on May, 22 2013 buy his Supervisor Ken Dow, when Mr. McDermott called in on May 23 2013 through ERMS, IVR he was told that documentation was required, When I talked to Mr. McDermott on May 28 2013 I asked him if he had the documentation, I told him that if he wanted to be payed for his provide documentation it's FMLA" I told him that I would approve FMLA LWOP but not paid leave. I asked him if he understood me and he refused to answer me.

# 12.

This grievance is untimely, the grievant is the lead steward for the PMA and he was told that he would not be paid onMay, 28 2013 if the he failed to provide documentation, his Union Steward Lester had no excuse not to file a grievance in a timely manner

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Aftention all PSAL Wembelsk Second notice

PSAL Elections Nominations start August 1777 2014 at 2pm at the GWW The following offices are open for election. President, Executive Vice President Secterary Treasurer in Director from each craft. Oterk, -Maintenance, & Motor Vehicle/VMFI- If associate office Director from each associate office General/Menship/Meetingischeddie

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# Bob Dyer continued from page 1 State of the WAPW()

One of the most important items that must be taken care of at the WAPWU Convention is always the budget. I am very proud to say—as a tenured Officer of the WAPWU Executive Board—that the Washington State APWU is doing incredibly well financially speaking. At a time when virtually all locals are running deficit budgets, the Washington State APWU has continued to come in under budget and actually increase our savings account balance, year after year, and did so again this last year as well

In fact, the WAPWU banked another ten thousand dollars this last year, and had some one bundred and seventy thousand dollars in savings at the beginning of the convention—a result of the careful handling of the union members! money—mostly due to good planning; money saving efforts related to convention—expenses; organizing the Washington State MALs; and very frugal salaries for the Washington State Officers. There have been some totally false accusations and runnors floating around of late, concerning Washington State APWU—some of which feven recently heard at the Scattle local's general

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I can assure the membership that the Washington State APWU Officers are committed to providing the very best representation possible for the dues paying members, and I am honored to be on the Executive Board for WAPWU.

I do not condone publicly singling out, naming,

The District Representatives for WAPWU are: District 1-Maria Risener; District 2-Don Cain; District 3-Wanda Emmert; District 4-Lynn Jones.

These committed union officers are on the front lines representing the members-at-large [MALs] all over the State of Washington, and they are well deserving of your support, and thanks. The District Representatives have periodic district meetings, and are largely responsible for meetings, and are largely responsible for having recruited many nonmembers in Washington State at a time when most locals are losing members. Thank you all for your hard

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and ridiculing fellow union members for having a different opinion. We need to work on our bedside manner in Seattle, Just because we are the largest local in the state doesn't mean we can ain the show, or that Seattle has some corner on the market for what is best for the Washington State members. We need to project unity in times like these, not read other members' names and blame them for not agreeing on everything in all, it was a pretty good Washington and multistate convention. It remains to be seen what will happen in Chicago at the National APWU Convention. I will look forward to representing Scattle when I get there, and will report the you want. Unity has to be our commitment or we will fail in troubled times like these. All goings-on when I return.

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List of attached papers as identified All pertinent documentation will be provided at the Step 2 meeting. CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTED 13 Make the Union and employees whole - including, but not limited to:

That management ceases forcing the employees to work in unbearable working conditions far beyo OSHA/ Postal regulations. That management provide proper working conditions for all its employe during the summer and winter months, by providing proper temperature control; air conditioning in t summer months and proper heating in the winter months. Also that management pays one hundre dollars a day in compensation to all the non supervisory employees that are being forced to work conditions that have been beyond OSHA and Postal regulations; until proper air-conditioning ar heating are installed in the PMA. The money will be equally divided amongst all nonsuperviso employees at the PMA; to also exclude the office staff.

Brenda A. Burke

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### 12 DETAILED STATEMENT OF FACTS/CONTENTIONS OF THE GRIEVANT

Problem: Excessive heat in building, machine downtime, Possible Heat related injuries, Overloading of electric circuits due to massive amount of fans, excessive amounts of dust particles being blown around.

The PMA in Kent, WA 98032 does not have air conditioning and during the summer months it gets hot and humid in t building with temperatures as high as 92 degrees. This heat creates problems with mosquitoes (bites), and machinery downtime due to unsteady temperature for machines to operate properly without overheating causing less productivity and the 75 fans are blowing dust around causing dust to get into employees eyes, any powder spilled (which is an issue due to the anthrax situation a few years ago) in which blowing of cleaning machinery was changed to using vacuums to clean and fans are not the answer.

Health: Employees health issues are affected by fans blowing around viruses, dust, allergens, which causes absenteeism and less employee productivity. Employees are in danger of heat injuries, which can also lead to death.

Enclosed is a letter from Dallas Kleck, District Manager from Portland, Oregon that states the USPS has a responsibility to provide a safe work environment. There is also a letter from Washington DC to all area operations, districts, and plan managers on compliance with postal employees safety enhancement act. Also there is a Postal Handbook and policy in EL-802, Manager's Safety Compliance Guide of responsibilities in owned and leased facilities for health and safety of employees.

There are temperature sheets enclosed of what the temperature was on dates indicated by maintenance employees who are showing this facility has heat issues during summer months. A copy of the lease is enclosed and pages A-2 (section A. 10), page A-5 (section A. 21), page C-3 (section 14) are areas of concern and on page M-1, d

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Temperature is to be maintained at a certain degree this goes for surruner and winter months. There is also an OSHA standard under 1910-1000 for temperature settings and OSHA Technical manual (section III: Chapter 4 on heat injuries, controls, and tables how the wet bulb works.

There are also documents on importance of air condition in work place, climate control, and Heat Stress Information.

Sheet in the workplace for employers

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If Air Conditioning was installed it would provide a more safe and healthful environment as well as a more pro work force, less machine downtime and a more cost benefit for the USPS.

These working conditions violate Article 14 to provide a safe working condition as stated in the enclosed Case H94C-1H-C 99262477 & 99-0974, C7C-4L-C 35592, and NOC - 1P-I-90186 thru 90199 on issues of hot w conditions. In case S8C-3P-C 6517 indicates if employer implemented the energy policy under Article XIV

Under Article 3 Management have rights, but not to violate Articles that have an impact on employees.

Article 15 enclosed to for the Grievance -Arbitration procedure on rights

Article 19 covers the fact there are handbooks, manuals and policies relating to the USPS for employee working cond List of attached papers as identified

All pertinent documentation will be provided at the Step 2 meeting.

CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTED 13

Make the Union and employees whole - including, but not limited to

USPS needs to install air conditioning in accordance with Article3, 14, 15, and 19 and the Presidence Energy Policy as stated in 1982 grievance S8C-3P-C 6517

> Lester K Cornette, Chief Maintenance Steward

### McDermott

Tuesday, June 04, 2013 7:36 AM

McDermott
Norris, Jim J - Tukwila, WA
Dow, Kenneth D - Seattle, WA
Marzec, David J - Tukwila, WA
Thursday, May 30, 2013 7:35 AM
[Untitled]

Confirm back to me once issued to employee.

Jim Norris Maintenance Manager (Lead), Seattle District (206) 768-4480 (Office) (206) 240-1586 (Mobile)

----Original Message----

From: Norris, Jim J - Tukwila, WA

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2013 7:34 AM

Cc: Norris, Jim J - Tukwila, WA

Subject:

Please open the attached document. This document was sent to you from the United States Postal Service.



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May 30, 2013

Lance McDermott 1819 S. 104<sup>th</sup> St. Seattle, WA 98168

On May 8, 2013, you received a notice proposing to place you on enforced leave from the Postal Service due to your medical condition (color blindness).

I have received no response from you, however, I have reviewed the correspondence previously provided to you and the evidence of record. I find that the action proposed in the notice of proposed enforced leave is supported by the evidence and warrant(s) your placement on enforced leave.

I do not take this action lightly. Previously, due to an operational change, you relayed to management that you could not distinguish colors; i.e. you were color blind and, therefore, could not perform the functions necessitated by the operational change.

As a result of your disclosure, your supervisors sought to discuss with you other essential aspects of your employment impacted by the inability to distinguish colors; most importantly, the ability to distinguish colored wiring when working on machinery. You rebuffed every attempt; refusing to request light duty, refusing to participate in the reasonable accommodation process, and otherwise refusing to discuss this matter at all.

It was made clear to you that while such discussions are wholly voluntary, without your participation and cooperation, it is not possible to evaluate whether you can perform the essential functions of your position with or without accommodation. In other words, we simply do not know whether you can perform your duties in a safe manner, and what, if any, accommodations can be made, if you refuse to interact. As a result, your placement on enforced leave is warranted.

This action will be effective <u>5-30-2013</u>.

I want to make clear that your placement on enforced leave is a direct result of your refusal to interact with management on this very important issue. Should you decide that you would like to interact with management, please feel free to contact myself or Dave Marzec. You continue to have the right to request reasonable accommodation and/or light duty. However, as previously mentioned, you must avail yourself of these options which includes a willingness to sit down and discuss your medical limitations, if any, and the impact of your medical limitations on the performance of the essential functions of your job. Absent your participation, management cannot make a proper determination. By and through this letter, I encourage you to avail yourself of your options.

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If you are a preference eligible employee, you may have a right to appeal this decision in writing to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) within 30 calendar days from your receipt of this decision. If you appeal to the MSPB, please provide me a copy of your appeal. Your appeal to the MSPB should state whether you do or do not wish a hearing and you should furnish me a copy of your appeal. For further information on appeals procedures, contact Regina Beckhum, Mgr. Labor Relations, at 253-214-1735. MSPB regulations and appeal forms are available on-line at: <a href="https://www.mspb.gov">www.mspb.gov</a> The address for the MSPB is as follows:

MSPB Western Regional Office 201 Mission St., Suite 2310 San Francisco CA 94105-1831

If you do not appeal to the MSPB within the above time limit, you will have no further appeal right with the MSPB. If you appeal to the MSPB, please provide me a copy of your appeal.

If you believe that the action is based, in whole or in part, on discrimination, you have the option of filing an appeal with the MSPB, or filing an EEO complaint with the Postal Service.

To file an EEO complaint, you must request counseling within 45-calendar days of the effective date of this decision. You may request counseling by calling (888) 336-8777. The EEO complaint will be processed pursuant to the appropriate regulations (29 C.F.R. §§ 1614.302 through 1614.310).

If you file an MSPB appeal you are not entitled to a hearing by the Equal Employment Opportunity commission (EEOC) unless:

- 1. Your appeal to the MSPB is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction; or
- 2. The Postal Service fails to issue a final agency decision on your EEO complaint within 120 days of the date you filed your EEO complaint.

You may request a hearing by the MSPB after the Postal Service has rendered a decision on your EEO complaint or after 120-calendar days from filing your EEO complaint, whichever occurs first. If you appeal this action you will remain on the rolls in a non-pay, non-duty status until disposition of your case has been reached — either by settlement or through exhaustion of your administrative remedies.

If this action is reversed or modified on appeal by the MSPB or EEOC, back pay may be allowed in accordance with 5 C.F.R. §§ 550.801 through 550.808, as applicable, unless the award or decision specifies otherwise.

If this decision is reversed or modified through an adverse decision, back pay may be allowed, unless the award or settlement specifies otherwise, only if you have made



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reasonable efforts to obtain alternate employment during the potential back pay period. The documentation which you must maintain and present to support a back pay claim is described in Part 436 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual.

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Manager, Maintenance Lead

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From: Wendy Angelini (wlrodda@msn.com)

Sent: Thu 6/06/13 9:45 PM

To: Lance McDermott (treke@hotmail.com); Wendy (wlrodda@msn.com)

Lance,

I discussed your leave status with MMO Marzec. He stated you are being paid annual leave.

However, he will not change it to FMLA. He states that "since the postal service put you out on enforced leave and the reason for the enforced leave has nothing to do with the FMLA case on file. You cannot claim FMLA for this time off."

He went on to say, they (management? norris) were not going to let him (you) tell the postal service what kind of leave he (you) gets to take. "

Anyway, something else for your grievance for the postal service.

Marzec has his retirement date set for a couple months from now and is not allowed to make any more decisions without Norris okay.

Wendy Angelini

From: Wendy Angelini (wlrodda@msn.com)

Sent: Tue 6/04/13 2:03 PM

To: Lance McDermott (treke@hotmail.com); Wendy (wlrodda@msn.com)

Lance,

Per our conversation today at 1:40 pm I will discuss the issue of your pay status with Management.

You requested to be in Annual leave, FMLA, for 160 hrs, for an On-the-job injury.

You stated that grievances would be filed on the other issues, (Enforced Leave, and FLMA violations) by yourself or Lester.

If you need anything else please let me know.

Wendy Angelini

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MANAGER MAINTENANCE



March 6, 2014

Lance McDermott 1819 S. 104<sup>th</sup> Street Seattle, WA 98168

Dear Mr. McDermott:

Recently, you contacted us and expressed your willingness to come in and discuss your medical limitations, i.e., color-blindness, and the impact of your limitations on the performance of your duties. As a result, on Tuesday March 4, 2014, you met with Manager Maintenance Operations William (Rick) Sudduth.

You advised Rick that you have difficulty distinguishing between shades of colors, but not primary colors. Rick presented you with various colors of wires and you successfully identified all of them. You provided Rick with documentation showing that had failed the Ishihara test, meaning that you were unable distinguish a number amongst color dots. However, you successfully passed the Lantern test, demonstrating your ability to distinguish between primary colors.

Based on this information you provided, I am instructing you to report back to work to resume the duties of your position of Maintenance Mechanic MPE as soon as you can. I further instruct that if you are required to do any electrical work which involves distinguishing shades of colors, that you seek confirmation of the colors from either a co-worker and/or supervisor.

Your safety record is commendable and it is my goal to ensure you continue your satisfactory safety record.

In order to make your return to work as smooth as possible please contact William (Rick) Sudduth at 206-768-4478 to secure your access badge and to ensure your timecard is available at your facility.

You may contact me at 206-768-4480 if you have any concerns regarding my decision.

Sincerely

sim Norris

Manager Maintenance Lead, Seattle PDC

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### Daniels, Tanya L - Tukwila, WA

From:

Norris, Jim J - Tukwila, WA

Sent:

Friday, February 08, 2013 5:20 AM

To:

Daniels, Tanya L - Tukwila, WA Foster, Dan L - Seattle, WA

Cc: Subject:

**RE:** Lance McDermott

Sensitivity:

Confidential

Maintenance Manager (Lead), Seattle District (206) 768-4480 (Office) (206) 240-1586 (Mobile)

From: Daniels, Tanya L - Tukwila, WA

Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 10:15 AM

To: Norris, Jim J - Tukwila, WA Cc: Foster, Dan L - Seattle, WA Subject: RE: Lance McDermott Sensitivity: Confidential

A few thoughts about Mr. McDermott and color blindness:

How long has he been in the position that requires differentiating shades of color? Since 1998. He was hired as a custodian where there is no such requirement. Going from custodian to maintenance mechanic via the in-craft process does not require any additional medical evaluation.

 Has he previously reported problems performing his job because of not being able to distinguishing colors? NO. I can only suspect that the staffing levels have been of such that he has been able to avoid tasks requiring one to differentiate between colors when working on electrical circuits. Recently he has been assigned to work alone.

Has his work performance been acceptable?

Minimally but yes performance has not been an issue.

Color blindness is not acquired - you're born with it. Why is he reporting this as an issue now if it hasn't been a

I suspect the issue is being raised now because a new process requiring the carrier cells on the machines are to be annotated with a color sticker for quick visual check for which ones were serviced. The unit supervisor on up was unaware of his condition. Perhaps he thought we knew and was forcing him to do a task he could not physically do. Once we get confirmation that the condition does exist I will have him referred to RAC. We may be able to keep him in his job but he would have to be excluded from doing any electrical work. Tech manuals reference wire color which could be a huge safety issue. As far as the dots go we could go to different shapes. But until he is willing to communicate to us it will be a major challenge.

Are new/different shades of color now required in the job?

No. Staffing levels have been reduced to a point now that he could not possibly rely on a co-worker to do the tasks he can not physically do. I am not sure how he could even evaluate a machine's performance when the graphs are color based. I think he has been flying under the radar for so many years and now that it has come to my attention I can not ignore it. Someone can get serious injured



DATE:

02-15-2013

0935

TO:

Jim Norris, Manager - Maintenance

CC:

Dan Foster, Manager (a) - Labor Relations, Lance Abbott, MDO (a), David Marzec, MMO

RE:

McDERMOTT, Lance P. #03272132



McDermott, Lance P. PLD 02-1...

Jim

A Duty Status has been issued for the medical dated 02-13-13 with the wording recommended by Dr.







PLD Request

PLD Assignment No LD - Denial.doc

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The employee should request permanent light duty (PLD) in writing with Management responding in writing. The forms are optional and the information can be placed on letterhead/format of your choice.







Referral to Pub 316 Pub 317 Manager's DRAC.doc (45 KB) aployee's Guide to R Guide to Re...

If you are not able to accommodate the employee's request, he may be referred to the District Reasonable Accommodation Committee (DRAC). Complete the referral form and email to <SEATTLE-



Referral to DRAC -Refused by ...

If the employee refuses referral to DRAC, complete the above form and contact LR for assistance. <SEATTLE-DL-LABORRELATIONS>

Please let me know if there are any questons.

Tanya L. Daniels RN

Occupational Health Nurse Administrator

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### or worse if he touches wrong color

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From: Daniels, Tanya L. - Tukwila, WA Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 8:03 AM To: Foster, Dan L. - Seattle, WA Subject: RE: Lance McDermott Sensitivity: Confidential

He successfully met the color vision requirements on his pre-hire medical 10-24-96, Christmas Casual. This is the only pre-hire medical in the file.

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From: Foster, Dan L - Seattle, WA Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 9:49 PM To: Daniels, Tanya L - Tukwila, WA Subject: FW: Lance McDermott Sensitivity: Confidential

Can you check McDermott's file?

Dan L Foster Manager Labor Relations(A) Seattle District Office 253-214-1735 Fax 651-306-6515

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19 Apr 13

### Marzec, David J - Tukwila, WA

From: Sent:

Dow, Kenneth D - Seattle, WA

To:

Friday, April 19, 2013 6:25 AM Marzec, David J - Tukwila, WA

Subject:

RE: McDermott

He did not state that he was colored blind or could not distinguish colors when he applied for work with the Postal Service.

From: Marzec, David J - Tukwila, WA Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 2:35 PM To: Dow, Kenneth D - Seattle, WA

Subject: RE: McDermott

What are you talking about? What lie? Is there proof?

From: Dow, Kenneth D - Seattle, WA Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 7:20 AM To: Marzec, David J - Tukwila, WA

Subject: McDermott

I did not realize that if an employee lies on his application and that once it was discovered that employee would be removed from the postal service and no benefits would be paid.

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David Marzec MMO

CC:

Jim Norris, Manager - Maintenance

RE:

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McDERMOTT, Lance P. #03272132

### Dave

Mr. McDermott mailed a copy of the above letter dated 02-06-13 with a clinic note from his doct regarding his back condition. His work status was not addressed in the clinic note.



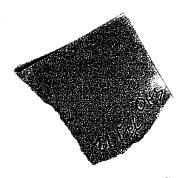
McDermott, Lance

- Dr Schlitt Clinic Note

If the employee is not able to perform the full duties of his position due to the back condition, recommendated and request Light Duty. The optional Work Restriction form, SPO69B, may be used or documentation on the doctor's letterhead is acceptable.

Tanya L. Daniels RN

Occupational Health Nurse Administrator



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34:01 - 9 AVENUE SOUTH STE 251 FETERAL WAY WA 98003-7090 253-214-1721 PHONE 253-214-1820 24-49 2015 Date: June 7, 2013

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SUBJECT: Response to RFI dated 6-6-13

The Union asked:

- 1- Copy of the Installation head for the Seattle District
- 2- Copy of policy for enforced leave

3- Copy of Lance McDermott's job description as a MPE

4- Copy of agency letter of restriction on Lance McDermott for color blindness as a disability

5- Copy of all investigation of records on McDermott by Jim Norris

6- Copy of record stating Lance was color blind from agency and how management knew Lance McDermott was color blind.

7- Copy of any documents on who decided to place McDermott on enforced leave.

- 8- Copy of notice of proposed action of decision and reasons therefore, and any order effecting an action covered by this subchapter 5 U.S.C. §7513
- 9- Copy of document(s) and or policy stating what constitutes placing Lance McDermott on enforced leave.

### Response:

- 1- The Installation Head for the Seattle District is Yul Melonson, District Manager
- 2- There is no policy for enforced leave
- 3- Attached
- 4- This information is being sent by the medical unit directly to the steward Cornette

5- Jim Norris does not have any investigation records.

- 6- Maintenance management became aware of McDermott's condition during a conversation with McDermott ~February 2013
- 7- Attached
- 8- Attached
- 9- Mr. McDermott's refusal to speak with management to clarify what color restrictions has on his ability to perform safely all aspects of his position resulted in being put in an enforced leave status. Management once again invites Mr. McDermott along with his union steward to sit down to discuss this matter so all parties can come to an agreement what tasks Mr. McDermott can perform with or without an accommodation in a safe manner.

Maintenance Manager Lead, Seattle District

cc: File